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EUKARYOTIC ORGANISMS

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to issuance of the patent, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 for the above-captioned patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.